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SUBJECT: DRAFT DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE

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1. WE BELIEVE LANGUAGE IN PARA 2, REFTTEL, IS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER PREVIOUS DRAFT. HOWEVER, MISSION MAY WISH TO SUGGEST ONE FURTHER MODIFICATION TO TONE LANGUAGE EVEN FURTHER BY DELETING ALL AFTER "...TO DEVOTE TO MILITARY PURPOSES."

2. RE PARA 7, WE REGRET DROPPING REFERENCE TO RATIONALIZATION. WE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT USE OF TERM RATIONALIZATION IN CONTEXT OF US INTENTION TO FORM THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO NEW BRIGADES IN EUROPE IS CORRECT. IF OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, MISSION MAY WISH TO SUGGEST RESTORATION OF LANGUAGE BY NOTING THAT RATIONALIZATION INCLUDES QUOTE ANY ACTION THAT MAKES A MORE EFFICIENT USE OF THE DEFENSE RESOURCES OF NATO NATIONS, INCLUDING GREATER  
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COOPERATION, CONSOLIDATION, AND REASSIGNMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE RESOURCES TO HIGHER PRIORITY NATO NEEDS, WITHOUT CHANGING THE TOTAL PLANNED DEFENSE FUNDING OF THE MEMBER STATE. UNQUOTE.

3. RE PARA 12, MISSION SHOULD NEITHER INSIST NOR OBJECT TO ITS INCLUSION, BUT AGREE WITH THE MAJORITY VIEW. IF PRESENT LANGUAGE IS INCLUDED, WE SUGGEST THAT FIRST FEW LINES OF PARA 12, REFTEL, BE CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:  
"MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE FY 74 UNITED STATES' MILITARY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATIONING OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN NATO EUROPE IS EXPECTED TO BE OFFSET." REASON: ACCURACY.

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